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MEETING WITH SPANISH FOREIGN MINISTER

FOR THE SECRETARY FROM HARTMAN (EUR)

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1. FOLLOWING SUBMISSION OF OUR RECOMMENDATIONS FOR YOUR PARTICIPATION IN THE EVENTS SCHEDULED FOR OCTOBER 1 WITH SPANISH FOREIGN MINISTER OREJA, SUBSEQUENT EVENTS AND NEW INFORMATION MAY BE OF INTEREST TO YOU. FIRST, THE INSTRUMENTS OF RATIFICATION FOR THE NEW TREATY WERE EXCHANGED SEPTEMBER 21 IN MADRID, THUS PUTTING THE TREATY INTO FORCE. FOLLOWING THE BRIEF CEREMONY, FOREIGN MINISTER OREJA SAID TO THE PRESS THAT THE FIRST MEETINGS UNDER THE TREATY WOULD TAKE PLACE IN WASHINGTON ON OCTOBER 1.

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2. SECOND, SPANISH AMBASSADOR ALBA HAS BEEN RECALLED AND

WILL DEPART WASHINGTON SEPTEMBER 27, FOLLOWING A FAREWELL CALL ON THE ACTING SECRETARY SEPTEMBER 23. THE NEW AMBASSADOR, TO WHOM THE WHITE HOUSE HAS ALREADY GRANTED AGREEMENT, WILL BE JUAN ROVIRA, BOB MC CLOSKEY'S COUNTERPART IN THE TREATY NEGOTIATIONS. THE SPANISH MINISTRY OF FOREIGN

AFFAIRS HAS ADVISED THE EMBASSY THAT OREJA WILL BRING ROVIRA WITH HIM TO WASHINGTON FOR THE OCTOBER 1 MEETING.

3. BASED ON THE INFORMATION NOW AVAILABLE, THE SPANISH DELEGATION FOR OCTOBER 1 WOULD BE AS FOLLOWS:

FOREIGN MINISTER OREJA; AMBASSADOR-AT-LARGE ROVIRA;

JUAN DURAN, DIRECTOR GENERAL FOR NORTH AMERICAN AFFAIRS;

LT. GENERAL FERNANDEZ VALLESPIN, CHIEF OF THE HIGH GENERAL STAFF;

MAJ. GENERAL LLOSA, CO-DIRECTOR, COMBINED MILITARY STAFF.

IN ADDITION, WE UNDERSTAND THAT LUIS CUERVO, THE MINISTRY OFFICER RESPONSIBLE FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF THE TREATY WILL ALSO ACCOMPANY OREJA, AND OREJA MAY WANT THE SPANISH CHARGE IN WASHINGTON TO PARTICIPATE AS WELL. THESE CHANGES WOULD HAVE THE EFFECT OF INCREASING SPANISH PARTICIPATION IN THE COUNCIL TO SEVEN, WHO SHOULD OF COURSE BE INCLUDED IN THE LUNCH AFTER THE COUNCIL MEETING.

4. OREJA HAS CONFIRMED TO STABLER THAT THE SPANIARDS WOULD PREFER TO USE THE OPENING COUNCIL MEETING TO SET OUT BROAD PURPOSES AND OBJECTIVES RATHER THAN TO REACH DECISIONS ON SPECIFIC QUESTIONS, SUCH AS THOSE REGARDING COORDINATION WITH NATO. SPANISH THINKING THEREFORE PARALLELS THE APPROACH WE OUTLINED IN OUR EARLIER MEMO (REFTEL). WE WILL DEVELOP A LIST OF APPROPRIATE TOPICS AND PROBE SPANISH INTENTIONS FURTHER BEFORE SUBMITTING FOR YOUR APPROVAL A JOINT COMMUNIQUE.

5. WE ARE PREPARING SUITABLE BRIEFING MATERIALS FOR USE
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IN THESE EVENTS. AT PRESENT, IT APPEARS THAT YOU WILL NEED TO MAKE A SINGLE SUBSTANTIVE PRESENTATION IN THE COUNCIL MEETING, WITH SUBSEQUENT COMMENTS AS APPROPRIATE FOLLOWING REMARKS BY OREJA, GENERAL FERNANDEZ AND GENERAL BROWN. SINCE IT WILL BE A WORKING LUNCH, THE TOASTS CAN BE SHORTER AND MORE SOCIAL THAN ON FORMAL OCCASIONS. IF YOU AGREE TO SEE OREJA AFTER LUNCH, THIS WOULD BE AN INFORMAL EXCHANGE TO WHICH OREJA WOULD BRING ONLY ROVIRA.

6. GIVEN WHAT WE NOW KNOW OF SPANISH PREFERENCES AND INTENTIONS, "R PREPARATIONS ARE ON TARGET. AT PRESENT THE ONLY CHANGE WOULD BE ADDITION OF TWO OR THREE MORE

SPANIARDS TO THE LUNCH, HICH WOULD HELP ESTABLISH A BETTER BALANCE AT THE TABLE. ON THE AMERICAN SIDE, MR. ROBINSON WILL EE INCLUDED AND MR. SONNENFELDT WILL NOT ATTEND THE LUNCH THOUGH HE WILL ATTEND THE COUNCIL MEETING. ROBINSON

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